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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph on page 1 after the title and before the "Technical Field" as set forth below:

This application is <u>a</u> continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/889,243, filed October 1, 2001, <u>now U.S. Patent No. 6,875,327</u>, which is a national stage entry under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT International Patent Application No. PCT/JP00/08012, filed November 14, 2000, which claims priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 11/324551, filed November 15, 1999, Japanese Patent Application No. 2000/111255, filed April 12, 2000, Japanese Patent Application No. 2000/113754, filed April 14, 2000, Japanese Patent Application No. 2000/124394, filed April 25, 2000, Japanese Patent Application No. 2000/128249, filed April 27, 2000, and Japanese Patent Application No. 2000/130158, filed April 28, 2000, the contents of all of which are hereby incorporated by reference into the subject application.